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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009–10 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 154

Introduced by Assembly Member Jeffries
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Garrick and Miller)
(Coauthor: Senator Dutton)

April 12, 2010

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 154—Relative to the ~~Yeager~~
~~Family~~ *E. L. Yeager* Interchange.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 154, as amended, Jeffries. ~~Yeager Family~~ *E. L. Yeager* Interchange.

This measure would designate the interchange at State Highway Route 60 and State Highway Route 15, in the County of Riverside, as the *E. L. Yeager Family* Interchange. This measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering those costs, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, The Yeager family has been committed to great
- 2 civic service and charitable contributions in their community, and
- 3 has been involved in major construction projects that have
- 4 improved transportation throughout southern California; and

1 WHEREAS, In 1918 Ernest Louis Yeager (1893–1979) moved
2 to Riverside, California from his home in Tomah, Wisconsin and
3 founded the E.L. Yeager Construction Company, Inc., in 1919;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, One year later Ernest married Emma Leah Stalder
6 and raised their three sons, ~~Jacques Stalder Yeager, E. Eugene~~
7 ~~“Gene” Yeager, and Richard Allen Yeager;~~ and

8 ~~WHEREAS, The Yeager brothers grew up in Riverside and~~
9 ~~attended Poly High School; and~~

10 WHEREAS, The company began by building parking lots and
11 city streets in San Bernardino and, during the following decades,
12 the company became one of the state’s largest civil engineering
13 firms and constructed a stretch of Historic Route 66, the road
14 system around the Hoover Dam, major portions of Interstate 15,
15 and multiple interchanges on State Highway Route 91; and

16 ~~WHEREAS, After the two eldest brothers served in World War~~
17 ~~H, they returned home to Riverside and joined their father working~~
18 ~~in the company, and after completing his service with the United~~
19 ~~States Marine Corps, Richard united with his brothers Allen Yeager,~~
20 ~~one of Ernest and Emma’s sons, joined his family as a part of the~~
21 ~~company; and~~

22 ~~WHEREAS, In 1952, after suffering from a series of strokes,~~
23 ~~Ernest Yeager handed over the company to his sons, and the Yeager~~
24 ~~brothers expanded the company to~~ *Over the next several decades,*
25 *E. L. Yeager Construction Company expanded to be* one of the top
26 contractors in the state; and

27 WHEREAS, Ernest passed away in 1979 and, later that year,
28 after working for the company and being involved in a variety of
29 civic roles, including the Republican Central Committee, Richard
30 and his wife were killed in a car accident; and

31 WHEREAS, Following the 1994 Northridge earthquake, the
32 company was given the contract to replace the twin 765 foot
33 bridges of Interstate 5 near Santa Clarita with only 130 days to
34 complete the project that would normally take more than a year,
35 and yet the company finished the project in only 100 days; and

36 WHEREAS, In 1999, Emma Yeager passed away and is survived
37 by her two sons ~~Jacques and Gene;~~ and

38 ~~WHEREAS, When the Yeager Company was sold in 2002, it~~
39 ~~had grossed over \$285 million the prior year, making it among the~~
40 ~~state’s top 10 contractors; and~~

1 WHEREAS, Beyond construction and development, the Yeager
2 family has been dedicated to the Inland Empire community; and

3 WHEREAS, The Yeager family has developed strong
4 relationships with the University of California, Riverside, through
5 gifts, service, and partnerships from the university's founding, and
6 in 1957 the Yeager Company donated the concrete that became
7 the "C" that now marks the University of California, Riverside,
8 above the skyline on Box Spring Mountain; and

9 WHEREAS, The Yeager family has served the community
10 through many charitable and civic organizations including United
11 Way of the Inland Valleys, the Board of Trustees of the University
12 of California, Riverside, the Regional Institute of Southern
13 California, the General George Patton Museum, the Greater
14 Riverside Chambers of Commerce Monday Morning Group, the
15 Inland Empire Cultural Foundation, the California Water Resource
16 Administration, the Inland Empire Economic Partnership, the
17 March Air Field Museum Foundation, the Raincross Club of
18 Riverside, the Riverside Art Foundation, the Riverside County
19 Philharmonic Association, the Olive Crest Foundation, the
20 Riverside Art Museum Julia Morgan Society, the Mission Inn
21 Foundation, and the California Baptist University; and

22 WHEREAS, In recognition of the Yeager family's great civic
23 and charitable contributions and service, as well as their major
24 construction projects improving the transportation and educational
25 infrastructure in southern California, it would be a fitting tribute
26 to designate the interchange at State Highway Route 60 and State
27 Highway Route 15, in the County of Riverside, as the ~~Yeager~~
28 ~~Family E. L. Yeager~~ Interchange; now, therefore, be it

29 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
30 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the
31 interchange at State Highway Route 60 and State Highway Route
32 15, in the County of Riverside, as the ~~Yeager Family E. L. Yeager~~
33 Interchange; and be it further

34 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
35 to determine the cost of appropriate signs consistent with the
36 signing requirements for the state highway system showing this
37 special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate
38 sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs; and be it
39 further

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 2 of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the
- 3 author for appropriate distribution.

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